

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1166

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Afton Hickman on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Afton Hickman of Sevier County is one such exemplary person, who has received the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, an active Girl Scout for ten years, Ms. Hickman has served in leadership positions for numerous events, including the annual Journey in a Day; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hickman committed 150 hours of her time to make over 700 masks to donate to healthcare professionals; she also helped her church with missions and vacation Bible schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her scouting activities, Afton Hickman has spent hours with her family making sleeping mats for the homeless, scarves for those in need, and Christmas cards for seniors; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for service, she has volunteered for numerous fundraisers with her high school band and earned the Presidential Service Award for several years running; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hickman is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Afton Hickman for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.